Government and the department is for that purpose. No further rules are required.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I would like to know whether the amount will be utilised next year.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I said it will be carried over to next year. It was always the practice. It is not the peculiarity of this item of expenditure alone.

Vernacularisation of non-language subjects.

7. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to read the answers to questions Nos. 9 (b) dated 22nd January 1934 and 307 dated 21st March 1934 and state the reason for not discontinuing the system in the Boys' High School, Kunnamkulam, in spite of the report of the Headmaster of the institution against continuing it?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The Headmaster found that the system of teaching non-language subjects through the medium of the vernacular could not be suddenly discontinued in all the three Upper Secondary forms soon after his report. A beginning has been made in Form IV.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know what were the reasons which persuaded the Headmaster to do so?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Sir, The Hon'ble Member wants the report of the Headmaster. The main question is that the teaching of non-language subjects was found impracticable partly due to the want of terminology and technique, and unfamiliarity of the teachers themselves in the technical line.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—My question was with regard to the reason for not discontinuing the system.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Any system or mode which is started in the fourth form has to run for a period of 3 years. This was started in the fourth form and until they have passed out it is difficult to change the system. Now if suddenly in the sixth form the subjects are taught in another language, it would be very difficult for the teachers as well as the students. So the present fifth and sixth form students have to pass out before the system can be discontinued.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Was it introduced by one class after another?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I think it was introduced first in the fourth and fifth form.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Then what objection is there in discontinuing it in the fourth and fifth form?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—If a mistake was once committed why should it be repeated?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—So the Government accept that a mistake has been committed.

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Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Has any other Headmaster reported like this?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—In the course of the Headmasters' Conference many of them complained.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Have the Government accepted as a principle that it should be discontinued ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Wherever it is not possible, it is being discontinued.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—How is it that it cannot be practicable in certain places and practicable in some other places?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The whole thing is optional. Those who can do it may do it. When there are candidates who wish to answer their papers in the vernacular, dual question papers are supplied.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will it be discontinued in a few years at least?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Improvements to the Panangayi lane in Kunnamkulam.

8. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform with reference to question No. 16 dated 22nd January 1934 whether the work will be finished before the end of this year; and if not, what is the reason for not completing it within the time referred to?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Every effort will be made to complete the work this year.

Land given to the members of the Depressed Classes—extent of.

9. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total extent of land given to members of the depressed classes in the State ever since the inauguration of the department for the depressed classes;

(b) the amount of the revenue of such lands?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) 203—21½ acres.

(b) Rs. 357—9—4.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—May I know the extent of land given to each individual?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Five cents or somewhere there. That will mostly depend upon the extent of acreage available out of the survey number that is available. It will also depend upon the number of members in a family. Generally it ranges from 4 to 10 cents. That is what has been found from experience.

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